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SAYS PARTISAN MOVIMENT REVIVED IN BALITIC COUNTRIES

According to a report from Stockholm, the number of active partisans in the Baltic States has greatly increased since the latest deportations. The partisan movement, which was strongest in 1946 and 1957, had weakened considerably after the liquidation of individual peacent holdings and the formation of kolkhozes. According to a report of a person who had been in Estonia in September 1949, many Estonian and Latvian farmer's moved out into the woods again in the spring of this year. Many German prisoners of war who hope to return to their country have joined the partisans. Host of the partisans at this time are older people. There is a great shortage of young men in the Baltic States.

The Soviet government no longer sends entire families to colonize the occupied areas, but only single men, hoping that they will marry Estonian, latvian, or Lithuanian women. Persons deported from these countries in the spring of 1949 have been settled in small groups in a vast region of Siberia, far from industrial and transportation centers.

Foreign observers believe that Soviet authorities fear the activities of Baltic nationals if they are assembled in one place in large numbers.

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